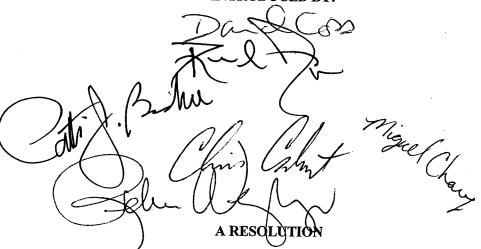


CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO RESOLUTION NO. 2007-

INTRODUCED BY:



EXPRESSING THE GOVERNING BODY'S DESIRE TO EMPLOY A YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE CITY IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANTA FE RIVER.

WHEREAS, the health and restoration of the Santa Fe River and its associated watershed is a priority of the City of Santa Fe and our community; and

WHEREAS, the health and restoration of the Santa Fe River and its watershed involves trash removal, biohazardous waste removal, vegetation management and extensive erosion control; and

WHEREAS, restoring the Santa Fe River and its associated water shed is fundamental to the social and environmental well being of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the City Children and Youth Commission recognizes the importance of helping young people identify interests and develop skills that lead to work opportunities; and

WHEREAS, "fostering positive youth development throughout the community for teens and young adults," is the third goal of the 2005 Children and Youth Strategic Plan; and

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7	WHEREAS,	educational	and workfor	rce developmen	t are primary	goals of t	the 2004	City
of Santa	Fe Economic	Developme	ent Strategy;	and				

WHEREAS, development of workplace skills for our youth is integral to Santa Fe's economic and social wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe seeks to develop opportunities for youth in city government through mentoring programs, internships and paid positions; and

WHEREAS, providing employment opportunities for youth in river restoration, integrates the needs of youth workforce development, creating meaningful lives for our youth, and working toward a living Santa Fe River to the benefit of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, providing employment and workforce development opportunities to youth is a service critically needed by our community; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to support programs that reintegrate the large number of Santa Fe's high school dropouts into our community; and

WHEREAS, due to the complex and labor intensive nature of river restoration, the above work would be best executed by youth conservation corps teams with experience in similar work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the governing body desires to:

- provide educational and workforce development opportunities for youth through river restoration work when possible; and
- contract with youth conservation corps programs to assist the city in making improvements to the Santa Fe River and its associated water shed.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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3 Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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